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(2) Chronology
(3) Narrative
(4) New Years Day Log Entry
(5) List of photographs
(6) Photographs

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Director of Naval History

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MISSION

The mission of USS JOHN F. KENNEDY is the second derivative of the total mission of the United States Government and the first derivative of that of our Navy: to support and defend the interests of our nation whenever and wherever needed, both in peace and war.

History records a continuing change in the policies which have shaped our strategies and our means of accomplishing that mission. Revolution, isolation, spheres of influence, neutrality, world alliances, area defense pacts, doctrinal proclamations, mutual defense treaties and massive retaliation are only a few of the terms which have characterized our foreign policy over the past 200 years.

President John F. Kennedy ushered in a new policy, designed to meet the challenge of accommodation to the rapid changes in world conditions with a wider range of options than that offered by the atomic bomb - the policy of FLEXIBLE RESPONSE.

The inherent mobility, freedom of action and staying power offered by the oceans of the world, have given the Navy a prominent role in the execution of this policy. Flexibility, mobility, the option to concentrate or disperse as required, the freedom to roam over the world at will, to go and stay or to appear here one day and there the next, to take our bases with us when we go, to go quietly or with great fanfare, to do this above the sea, below the sea, on the sea and around the shores of the sea - these are the unique qualities that made the sharp edged sword to this new policy, with the attack carrier at its tip.

JOHN F. KENNEDY is an important element of the fleet and our national policy. Her mission is: FLEXIBLE RESPONSE.

Commanding Officer
Captain L. R. MYERS

Executive Officer
Commander W. R. MCGOWEN

Operations Department
Commander (b) (6)

Navigation Department
Commander (b) (6)

Air Department
Commander (b) (6)

AIMD Department
Commander (b) (6)

Weapons Department
Commander (b) (6)

Engineering Department
Commander (b) (6)

Communications Department
LCommander (b) (6)

Supply Department
Captain W. J. ROGERS, JR.

Medical Department
LCommander (b) (6)

Dental Department
Commander (b) (6)

Safety Department
Commander (b) (6)

Training Department
Commander (b) (6)

Administrative Department
Lieutenant (b) (6)

Deck Department
LCommander (b) (6)

Homeport

U.S. Naval Base, Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia

Commander, Carrier Group SIX and Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group EIGHT utilized USS JOHN F. KENNEDY as their flagship during 1979.

Carrier Air Wing ONE is USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's assigned air wing and is commanded by Commander D. P. MARCH.

AIR WING ONE

Squadron

Commanding Officer

VF 14
VF 32
VA 46
VA 34
VA 72
VS 32
HS 11
VAQ 133
VAW 125
VFP 63 (Det TWO)

CDR T. W. WRIGHT
CDR C. F. LOGAN
CDR J. T. MATHENY
CDR J. M. MCNABB
CDR H. A. MERRILL
CDR P. E. PEDISICH
CDR L. E. LEWIS
CDR L. I. ASTOR
CDR W. L. MOOBERRY
(OIC) LCDR D. H. BEAM

CHRONOLOGY

January

- 01 Anchored Gulfo Di Napoli, Naples, Italy.
- 03 RADM J. F. Frick, Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics, Allied Forces Southern Europe, arrived for an official visit.
- 04 CAPT W. J. Hunter, Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-FOUR, arrived for an official visit.
- Deck House 4 lost in high winds and heavy seas.
- 05 1ST LT D. C. Rape', USMC, relieved CAPT R. W. Roan, USMC, as Commanding Officer, Marine Detachment, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY.
- VADM Joseph P. Moorer, Commander-in-Chief, United States Naval Forces Europe, arrived for an official visit.
- 08 Underway from Naples, Italy, enroute Malaga, Spain.
- 12 RADM G. H. B. Shaffer, Program Manager, Command, Control and Communications (C3), Naval Electronics Systems Command, arrived for an official visit.
- 13 Anchored Malaga, Spain
- 15 Senor Raphael H. Ortega, Civil Governor; CAPT Saturnino Suanzes, Port Captain; Senor Luis M. Bayona, Mayor; Senor Joaquin Hidalgo, President of Diputacion; MGEN Carlos Alessandri, Chief of Air Sector, MGEN Luis Rodriquez, Military Governor, Malaga, Spain, all arrived for an official visit.
- 24 Underway from Malaga, Spain, enroute Rota, Spain.
- 25 Anchored Rota, Spain.
- 26 Underway from Rota, Spain, for PASSEX with USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69).
- Honorable Dr. G. P. Dineen, Assistant Secretary of Defense, arrived for an official visit.
- Anchored Rota, Spain.

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January

- 27 RADM R. F. Schoultz, Commander Task Force 60, hauled down his flag. RADM R. L. Walters, Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group EIGHT, broke his flag aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) for the Atlantic transit.
- 28-08 Underway from Rota, Spain, enroute Norfolk, Virginia.
(FEB)

February

- 01-07 Enroute Norfolk, Virginia.
- 07 Air Wing flyoff.
- 08 VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; Dr. Mason C. Andrews, Vice Mayor, City of Norfolk, both arrived to welcome back USS JOHN F. KENNEDY from her Mediterranean deployment.
- Moored starboard side, Pier 12, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia.
- RADM R. L. Walters, Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group EIGHT hauled down his flag aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY.
- 11 VADM W. L. McDonald, Commander Second Fleet, arrived to inspect fire damage in compartment 03-223-0-L.
- 15 VADM B. R. Inman, Director, National Security Agency, arrived for an official visit.
- 19 Full Dressed Ship in observance of Washington's Birthday.

March

- 01-05 Moored starboard side, Pier 12, Naval Operating Base,
Norfolk, Virginia.
- 06 Anchored WHISKEY Anchorage.
- 07 Underway from WHISKEY Anchorage for Family Day transit
to Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
- Moored Pier 42-45, Norfolk Naval Shipyard.
- 19 Moored Drydock #8, Norfolk Naval Shipyard and resting
on keel blocks.
- 20 VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, Commander Naval Air Force,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet, arrived for an official visit.
- 29 Transferred ship's chronometers to Norfolk Naval
Shipyard.

April

- 01-30 Moored Drydock #8, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
- 02 RADM Bryan W. Compton, Jr., Deputy Commander for Aircraft Carriers, Amphibious, and Auxiliary Ships, Naval Sea Systems Command, arrived for an official visit.
- 06 VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, arrived to present the Golden Anchor and Silver Anchor Awards.
- 09 Multiple compartment fires reported, and General Quarters sounded.
- CAPT Kurzenhauser, Commanding Officer, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, arrived.
- William Lane Seward, NNSY Employee, casualty of fires.
- 10 RADM W. B. Warwick, Commander Carrier Group FOUR arrived for an official visit.
- 11 CAPT Bock, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Technical Training Center, NAS Lakehurst, arrived for an official visit.

May

- 01-31 Moored Drydock #8, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
- 02 RADM W. B. Warwick, Commander Carrier Group FOUR, arrived for an official visit.
- 11 CAPT R. P. Lenahan, Senior Officer of the Senior Officer's Ship Material Readiness Course, arrived for an official visit.
- 22 Dressed Ship in observance of National Maritime Day.
- 26 CAPT A. Kurzenhauser, Commander, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, arrived for an official visit.
- 28 Dressed Ship in observance of Memorial Day.

June

- 01-30 Moored Drydock #8, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
- 05 Multiple compartment fires reported and General Quarters set.
- 11 RADM W. B. Warwick, Commander Carrier Group FOUR, arrived for an official visit.
- 14 Holiday Colors raised in observance of Flag Day.
- 29 RADM T. M. Hopkins, Assistant Chief of Staff for Material and Logistics Plans, Commander-in-Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet, arrived for an official visit.

July

- 01-13 Moored Drydock #8, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
- 03 RADM R. F. Dunn, Commander Carrier Group EIGHT, arrived for an official visit.
- 04 Dressed Ship in observance of Independence Day.
- 05 RADM R. F. Dunn, Commander Carrier Group EIGHT, arrived for an official visit.
- 06 CAPT A. Kurzenhauser, Commander Norfolk Naval Shipyard, arrived for an official visit.
- 12 Commenced flooding and dewatering Drydock #8.
- 14 Commenced flooding Drydock #8.
USS JOHN F. KENNEDY off the keel blocks and afloat.

Underway from Drydock #8 for Pier 5, Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

Moored starboard side, Pier 5, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
- 18 RADM J. K. Nunneley, Deputy Commander Industrial and Facility Management Directorate, Naval Sea Systems Command, arrived for an official visit.

RADM J. G. Wissler, Inspector General, Commander-in-Chief Atlantic Fleet, arrived for an official visit.
- 24 RADM W. B. Warwick, Commander Carrier Group FOUR, arrived for an official visit.
- 27 RADM J. Metcalf, III, Senior Officer of the Senior Officers' Ship Material Readiness Course, arrived for an official visit.

August

- 01-30 Moored starboard side, Pier 5, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
- 08 JFK Summer Madness Picnic conducted at Scott Center.
- 23 CAPT Robertson, Senior Member CINCLANT PEB Team, arrived to conduct LOE on #3 MMR.
- LOE on #3 MMR commenced.
- CAPT J. H. Maulden, Commanding Officer, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, arrived for an official visit.
- 29 Lit fires under 3A and 3B boilers for first time in COH.

September

- 01-30 Moored starboard side, Pier 5, Norfolk Naval Shipyard,
 Portsmouth, Virginia.
- 03 Dressed Ship in observance of Labor Day.
- 07 USS JOHN F. KENNEDY celebrates 11 years of commissioned
 service
- 13 CAPT W. R. Zipperer, Commanding Officer, USS SAN DIEGO
 (AFS 6), arrived for an official visit.
- 17 Flew Holiday Colors in observance of Constitution Day.
- 20 CAPT Robertson, Senior Member CINCLANTFLT PEB Team,
 arrived to conduct LOE on #2 MMR.
- 21 RADM W. B. Warwick, Commander Carrier Group FOUR,
 arrived for an official visit.

October

- 01-31 Moored starboard side, Pier 5, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
- RADM J. O. Tuttle, Assistant Vice Director Plans and Policies, Defense Intelligence Agency, arrived for an official visit.
- 04 VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, arrived to present the Bronze Hammer Award.
- 12 CAPT Robertson, Senior Member CINCLANTFLT PEB Team, arrived to conduct LOE on #1 MMR.
- 13 Dressed Ship in observance of the Navy's Birthday.
- 16 RADM W. B. Warwick, Commander Carrier Group FOUR, arrived for an official visit.
- 27 Flew Holiday Colors in observance of Navy Day.
- 29 CAPT Robertson, Senior Member CINCLANTFLT PEB Team, arrived to conduct LOE on #4 MMR.
- CAPT R. J. Kerrigan, Commanding Officer, USS PUGET SOUND (AD 38), arrived for an official visit.

November

- 01-30 Moored starboard side, Pier 5, Norfolk Naval Shipyard,
 Portsmouth, Virginia.
- 07 Miss Virginia arrived for an official visit.
- JFK Fall Festival Picnic conducted at Scott Center,
 Portsmouth, Virginia.
- 13 RADM E. Barrineau, Deputy Commander for Aircraft
 Carriers, Amphibious, and Auxiliary Ships, Naval Sea
 Systems Command, arrived for an official visit.
- 22 Dressed Ship in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

December

- 01-10 Moored starboard side, Pier 5, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
- 08 KENNEDY crewmembers host Christmas party for dependents of Mediterranean deployed USS NIMITZ.
- 11 Underway from Norfolk Naval Shipyard to Virginia Capes OPAREA for PRT #1.
- 14-31 Moored starboard side, Pier 5, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
- 15 Christmas party at "The Tradewinds", NOB, for dependents of KENNEDY crewmembers.
- 21 Senior citizens of Portsmouth hosted at a Christmas luncheon sponsored by USS JOHN F. KENNEDY.

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NARRATIVE

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY rang in the New Year as America's symbol of peace, while anchored in the Golfo Di Napoli. KENNEDY was to see a year of drastic changes from her normal routine. After completing a highly successful Mediterranean deployment from which many awards, including the coveted Battle "E", were brought back by the loyal crew of KENNEDY, the challenge of a major overhaul loomed on the western horizon during the trans-Atlantic crossing. Time slipped quickly by as the month of stand-down was spent in family reunions and pre-overhaul preparation. For the remainder of the year, Norfolk Naval Shipyard was proud host to the Navy's finest aircraft carrier - USS JOHN F. KENNEDY. Although the numerous shipyard tasks and packages seemed endless, they proved their worth as KENNEDY enjoyed an active, and very successful COH.

While in port Naples, Italy, KENNEDY's traditional warmth and generosity were extended to the Naples orphanage. Volunteers constructed a covering over the playground for the children, and also donated toys. For this completely selfless act, RADM Paul Tomb, USN, President of the USO Council of Naples saluted the officers and men for their superlative efforts. He stated, "The name KENNEDY will be long remembered by all those who have been touched by your generosity. You have much to be proud of." Indeed, KENNEDY had much to be proud of, as KENNEDYmen not only won the Naples Holiday Basketball Classic and tennis tournament, but they also were awarded the Energy Conservation Award by VADM Moorner, CINUSNAVEUR. In presenting the award to Captain Myers, Vice Admiral Moorner said, "KENNEDY is being awarded because of her outstanding performance in several categories of energy conservation. I think it's significant that KENNEDY performed this way in an operational environment ... because it would have been very easy, and there could have been a strong tendency to forget or ignore energy conservation principles and practices. But KENNEDY didn't do that because it would not have been consistent with the outstanding reputation that this ship has for excellence in everything she becomes involved in." He also stated, "I am consistently getting very complementary reports from dignitaries and other people who visit the ship. I am impressed with the cleanliness of the ship and the attitude of the people that are on the ship. So it's no surprise to me that KENNEDY won the award. You've won a lot of awards, and all of them have been deserved."

Following the eighteen-day Christmas standdown, KENNEDY was once again underway. During the time between 08 and 12 Jan, ASW operations were the dominating tasks assigned to both the ship and airwing. Actual ASW training didn't begin until 09 Jan, being preceded by one day of refresher flight operations. ASW week, conducted west of Sardinia, was characterized by aggressiveness on the part of all involved units. SAC/SAU commanders were particularly effective in keeping all concerned informed of progress/action. OCE's strived for maximum utilization of valuable sub services

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provided by USS SILVERSIDES, whose tactics ensured almost continuous ship/aircraft participation. RADM Guy H. B. Shaffer, USN, Program Manager, Command, Control, and Communications, Naval Electronic Systems Command, visited KENNEDY during this period for a general orientation visit and discussions with Commander Task Force SIXTY and Captian Myers. Routine cyclic operations were conducted on the twelfth enroute to Malaga, Spain.

Capital of Spain's Sun Strip, Malaga was thoroughly enjoyed for thirteen days by the crew. Tours to Granada and Torremolinos, Spain, and Ceuta, Morocco, made KENNEDY's last port visit in the Mediterranean a most memorable event. On the evening of 24 Jan, KENNEDY weighed anchor and pointed her bow towards the Straits of Gibraltar, and a Mediterranean outchop. Over WJFK-TV later that night, RADM Schoultz, Commander Task Force SIXTY, presented the Battle "E" to KENNEDY. He said, "It's recognition of the fantastic accomplishments this ship and Air Wing team have achieved together. The excellance that goes into winning this award is just unbelievable. The competition is the toughest in the world. You have proven yourselves on this ship and in this Air Wing to be absolutely the very best."

After spending a day inport Rota, Spain, KENNEDY departed for a one day PASSEX with her relief - USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER. On board for an orientation visit, the Honorable Dr. G. P. Dineen, Assistant Secretary of Defense, was given his "sea legs" for the day. Ten attack and four support aircraft were launched on the first strike mission against EISENHOWER. The Sierra Strike approached the EISENHOWER task group on multiple raid headings, and were supported by EA-6B and E-2C jamming. However, only two of the strike aircraft reached the targeted task group due to distance and deteriorating weather conditions, which forced an early termination of the PASSEX and a return to Rota for turnover.

At 270800Z Jan 79, RADM R. L. Walters, USN, COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT/CTG 20.7, hauled down his flag in USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER and broke his flag in USS JOHN F. KENNEDY - the long awaited homeward voyage had finally arrived. In his farewell message, ADM H. S. Shear, CINCSOUTH, stated, "I am especially proud of your achievements ... your performance reflected the highest standards of the U. S. Navy. Your community relations support during in-port visits, your warm hospitality afforded to NATO observers ... are outstanding marks of dedication by superb professionals." RADM Schoultz said in his CTF 60 Battenburg Cup Award endorsement for KENNEDY, "In a field of tough contenders, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY stands head and shoulders above the pack ... JFK's tradition of excellence is unexcelled in the MED and, as my flagship, has been second to none in meeting or exceeding all staff support requirements." With turnover completed, KENNEDY set the special sea and anchor detail on 28 Jan - the MED would no longer lavish under the invaluable protection of America's finest carrier for the remainder of 1979.

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"Channel fever" crept into the crew as KENNEDY drew nearer to the U.S. East coast and her homeport of Norfolk, Va. Mother Nature was not willing to cooperate, however, as strong winds and high seas forced a cancellation of KENNEDY's total ammunition offload and Air Wing fly off. Undaunted, the ever high spirit of KENNEDY thwarted the adverse weather as ship and Air Wing forged unceasingly toward their homeland.

The Med deployment, which had begun in July 1978, came to a close 8 February 1979, as KENNEDY crewmen and Marine detachment personnel manned the rails while heaving lines were tossed onto snow-covered Pier 12, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk. VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and Dr. Mason C. Andrews, Vice Mayor, City of Norfolk, flew out to the ship and welcomed KENNEDY home.

Termed a landmark cruise, KENNEDY's crew teamed with Carrier Air Wing ONE (CVW 1) personnel to establish new milestones for Mediterranean deployed carriers. Statistics for USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's 1978-79 Mediterranean deployment included:

AIR OPERATIONS

a. (U) FLIGHT STATISTICS. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY conducted 98 days of flight operations between 9 July 1978 and 28 January 1979 (inchop/outchop dates). The ship and Air Wing flew a total of 31,568 hours and made 12,438 arrested landings and 1919 helicopter landings. There were thirty-five 300-hour flying days, twenty-five 400-hour flying days and three 500-hour flying days. Of this total, CVW 1 accounted for 30,456 flying hours, 12,142 arrested landings and 1562 helo landings. Flight hours and landings by squadrons are as follows:

FLIGHT HOURS (CVW 1)

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>JUL</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
VF 14	F-14	724	497	565	977	449	300	190	3702
VF 32	F-14	683	547	525	889	463	290	166	3563
VA 46	A-7	902	723	698	1032	570	376	248	4549
VA 72	A-7	887	592	690	827	579	362	237	4174
VA 34	A-6	765	562	643	872	501	371	261	3975
VAW 125	E-2	364	273	253	402	190	184	107	1773
VS 32	S-3	692	649	567	776	480	335	212	3711
VAQ 133	EA-6B	270	168	230	304	183	97	58	1310
VFP 63	RF-8G	132	92	126	138	69	59	44	660
HS 11	SH-3	658	425	413	530	366	332	315	3039
TOTAL		6077	4528	4710	6747	3850	2706	1838	30,456
OTHER (C-1, VR 24)									1,112
TOTAL									31,568
FLYING DAYS		23	14	16	19	11	8	7	98

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SHIPBOARD LANDINGS (CVW 1)

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>JUL</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
VF 14	F-14	372	249	313	473	207	125	84	1833
VF 32	F-14	351	249	275	421	219	125	77	1750
VA 46	A-7	429	346	353	505	290	184	112	2234
VA 72	A-7	414	296	352	425	285	187	108	2082
VA 34	A-6	357	253	293	397	214	155	107	1784
VAW 125	E-2	105	72	74	109	49	36	27	475
VS 32	S-3	193	139	168	212	110	82	58	971
VAQ 133	EA-6B	125	85	122	148	89	49	29	654
VFP 63	RF-8G	66	49	71	72	41	34	23	359

TOTAL ARRESTED 2412 1758 2021 2762 1504 977 625 12,142

OTHER (C-1, VR 24) 296

TOTAL ARRESTED 12,438

HS 11 SH-3D 278 133 181 209 159 357 245 1,562

TOTAL LANDINGS 14,000

COD'S/VOD'S/LOG'S

	<u>PAX</u>	<u>MAIL</u>	<u>CARGO</u>
RECEIVED	1,858	278,907 lbs	133,188 lbs
SHIPPED	3,877	198,714 lbs	139,941 lbs
TOTALS	5,735	477,621 lbs	273,129 lbs

PHOTOGRAPHY

<u>ORIG NEG PROC</u>	<u>DUPE STOCK PROC</u>	<u>PRINTS PROC</u>
16mm MOPIC 800'	70mm 1,566'	5 inch 2,419'
16mm FLIR 5,380'	5 inch 7,910'	8 X 10 9,142'
70mm 42,925'	9 1/2 inch 30'	9 X 9 4,492'
5 inch 100,282'		
TOTAL 149,387'	TOTAL 9,506'	TOTAL 16,053'

<u>HANDHELD PROC</u>	<u>CHEMISTRY USED</u>	<u>TOTAL JOBS</u>
35mm 395 rolls	AD-500 300 gal	1,040
70mm 40 rolls	ER Aeroflo 900 gal	
	Starfix 660 gal	

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WEAPONS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
MK 82 LDGP Bomb	1464
MK 84 LDGP Bomb	32
MK 82 LDGP Bomb (inert)	50
MK 83 LDGP Bomb (inert)	14
MK 84 LDGP Bomb (inert)	6
MK 106 Practice Bomb	142
MK 76 Practice Bomb	16631
AIM-54A Phoenix	2
AIM-7F Sparrow Missile	4
AIM-7E Sparrow Missile	14
AIM-7 Sparrow Missile (BPDMS)	1
AIM-9 Sidewinder Missile	10
Walleye I Guided Weapon	2
Rockeye II	8
5.0" ZUNI Rockets	75
MK 46 Exercise Torpedo	7
20mm TP	33413
MK 58, marker, location, marine	1755
MK 25, marker, location, marine	637
MK 45 Parachute Flare	406
CHAFF	21004
MK 46 Decoy Flare	160
MK 64/MK 84 SUS	85

SUPPLYRETROGRADE (total cargo shipped by month)

July	33,970
August	54,886
September	119,817
October	173,006
November	122,211
December	147,784
January	322,736
TOTAL	974,410

This represents a 165 percent increase over the last deployment.

DISBURSINGAPPROXIMATE VALUE OF FOREIGN CURRENCY SOLD

<u>FOREIGN CURRENCY</u>	<u>DAYS IN PORT</u>	<u>AMOUNT IN U.S. DOLLARS</u>
Italian Lire	44	\$290,000.00
Spanish Pesetas	35	150,000.00
Egyptian Pounds	6	44,000.00
	TOTAL	\$484,000.00

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DEPLOYMENT MONTHLY AVERAGES

Checks Issued	\$2,340,000.00
Monthly Disbursement	1,550,000.00
Payrolls	1,600,000.00
Collections	250,000.00

MEDICAL

Sickcall and treatment room visits:	24,770
Ward admissions:	372
Injuries:	1,410
Non-specific uretheritis	218
Gonorrhea:	184
Syphilis:	NONE
Medevacs:	17
Major surgical cases:	12
Minor surgical cases:	75
Pharmacy prescriptions filled: (inpatient and outpatient)	31,000
Laboratory tests performed:	9,495
Physical examinations:	1,036
Glasses ordered:	317
Audiograms performed:	1,123
Average X-rays per month:	750
Special X-ray studies:	25
First-aid training:	1,630 hours
Medical inservice training:	1,860 hours
Average Sickcall and treatment room visits per day:	117
Average Sickcall and treatment room visits per month:	3,539
Total patients treated:	10,027
Total dental procedures:	32,036
Total patients treated, CTF 60:	-----
Total patients treated, USS DETROIT:	01
Total patients treated, USS PIEDMONT:	01
Total patients treated, USS BYRD:	18
Total patients treated, COMCARGRU 2	01
Total patients treated, USS SIMS	08
Total patients treated, USS MCDONOUGH:	01
Total patients treated, USS SHERMAN	04
Marine Detachment, U. S. Consulate, Alexandria, Egypt:	06
Emergency care rendered, U. S. military dependents:	03

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HIGHLIGHTS

- VF 14 Won air wing Tailhook Competition for superior boarding rate with 1824 traps and 95% boarding rate. In October 78, flew 977 hours for one month, 200 hours over previous record.
- VF 32 Selected as the COMNAVAIRLANT Battle "E" Winner for FY 78 as most combat ready LANTFLT fighter squadron. Also set a squadron record for flight hours in one month (889).
- VA 34 Set community flight hour records:
for one day (90 hours)
for one month (1039 hours)
for one quarter (1970 hours)
Additionally, the squadron tallied more than 4000 hours for the deployment - twice the norm for an A-6 deployment.
- VAW 125 Set E-2C flight record for one month (364 hours) in July and again in October (403 hours).
- HS 11 First HS squadron to deploy to Med with six vice eight SH-3D Sea Kings. Yet every operational commitment was achieved and the squadron logged over 3000 hours for the deployment.
- VS 32 Surpassed previous S-3A squadron records for total flight time (3,700 hours) and arrested landings (961) during a Mediterranean deployment. Completed 106 consecutive sorties without a missed launch - also an S-3A record. Also completed its 14th year of accident-free operations while deployed.
- VFP 63 Det Two - Set new monthly peacetime flight hour records for the RF-8G. For the deployment, a total of 710 hours and 368 traps were accumulated.

KENNEDY Engineering Department completed the entire seven month Med cruise with zero CASREPs, and was the only CV ever to have all engineering equipment operable at deployment's end.

GSE Division attained an unprecedented equipment availability rate of 95%, and the Combat Aircraft Starting and Cooling System made over 10,000 aircraft starts.

Three days after KENNEDY's triumphant return to CONUS, a fire erupted aft on the Ø3 level in a living compartment. After little more than an hours fight, KENNEDYmen conquered their adversary. VADM W. L. McDonald, Commander Second Fleet, arrived to inspect the fire damage, which was later determined to have been caused by a leaking steam line igniting flammable material. Returning to their daily routines, KENNEDY sailors spent the remainder of February actively engaged in preparation for the impending yard period. Liaison was established with shipyard project officers, and the shipboard work package was refined and scheduled. The Supply Department was faced with the staggering problem of off-loading all COSAL and AVCAL

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material, and then reestablishing supply support for the overhaul. Over 100,000 line items were offloaded and surveyed for further usefulness. The majority of the aviation material was removed at Pier 12 and stored at NAS Norfolk. St. Julian's Creek, Portsmouth, Va, served as the repository for the remainder of the aviation and ship's support material after KENNEDY moored at Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

A special COH department was organized which consisted of ratings from every shipboard division. SFOMS Department was designed to clean KENNEDY's intricate labyrinth of vents and voids, provide firewatch personnel for all hotwork (welding and cutting), supply tools utilized by the COH crew, and tackle SECNAV's Self-Help Rehabilitation Program. In order to accomplish this, SFOMS Department was subdivided into four divisions for the above areas, plus two other divisions for administration and supply. The latter part of February saw work commence on removal of the BPDMS in preparation for the installation of a more advanced point defense missile system - NATO Sea Sparrow. Turning from pre-yard work, ADM Bobby Inman, Director, National Security Agency, was added to JOHN F. KENNEDY's list of notable visitors in February as he toured CVIC, TSC, and SSES spaces.

As the winds of March blew in, KENNEDY was to experience many changes, both internally and externally. Master Chief (b) (6) began the month by picking up the gauntlet of Command Master Chief from AVCM (b) (6) (b) (6), who had been in office since April 1978. Transition was not to stop here, however, as the demanding role involving KENNEDY's Executive Officer was to bear witness. CDR (b) (6) was frocked to Captain and departed immediately for special assignment by the CNO. CDR W. R. McGowen, prior Operations Officer onboard KENNEDY, adeptly assumed the post of Executive Officer.

On 6 March, KENNEDY was underway from Pier 12 for the last time during 1979. Shifting to WHISKEY Anchorage, KENNEDY spent the day off-loading the rest of her conventional ordnance. Through the early morning mist of the next day approximately 500 KENNEDY dependents and shipyard workers were boated aboard, and treated to a cruise up the Elizabeth River. During the voyage, KENNEDY families and crewmembers were saluted by Air Wing ONE in an impressive flyover. Mooring to berths 42-43 at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY), KENNEDY crewmen turned once again to face the monumental challenge of escorting this proud ship through her major overhaul (COH). KENNEDY was shifted to Dry Dock No. 8 on 19 March to be placed on keel blocks for the second time since she was launched in May 1967. The tempo of the COH increased as the staccato bursts of paint chippers and the teeth gnashing whirr of deck grinders spread throughout the ship. Through this shipyard symphony, major changes were occurring which would see KENNEDY remain one of the best in America's line of defense.

The Tactical Support Center (TSC) was redesignated as an Anti-Submarine Warfare Module (ASWM). Consoles were rearranged, including the placement of one into CIC, for better command and control, and to provide room for the Integrated Carrier Acoustic Prediction System (ICAPS).

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All three Basic Point Defense Missile System launchers and fire control directors were replaced by the NATO Sea Sparrow Missile System, thus improving reaction time via automation, and increasing fire power by using dual directors.

Ships radars were either updated or changed. The SPS-48A was reconfigured to the SPS-48C. This improved version provided automatic target designation, tracking, course and speed, and false target rejection. The SPS-49 radar replaced the SPS-43 and supplied KENNEDY with improved long-range air search capability. In order to provide automatic target detection of air targets in all types of clutter, together with target designation capability for weapons systems, SPS-58 was modified to an SPS-65 configuration.

Installation of the CATCC-DAIR System improved Carrier Air Traffic Control by utilizing automatic data readouts which enhanced Air Controller efficiency and response time.

The UHF ACLS/NTDS Link Transceiver AN/URC-85 was replaced with a more modern AN/URC-93, providing an additional UHF Data Link, which facilitated simultaneous communication links for NTDS and ACLS between ship and aircraft.

The ship's Entertainment TV System and Television Studio were totally upgraded and redesigned by Ship's Force through the installation of a new console, tape units, production equipment, and increased lighting. Program capability was also expanded from two to six channels via installation of 13,000 feet of cable.

Weapons department's elevators were greatly updated, which provided KENNEDY with the first significant weapons handling improvement since initial construction. The Captive Carry Program for AIM-9L Sidewinder and AIM-7F Sparrow II missile systems was also successfully completed.

Supply department conducted major renovations in the areas of food service and laundry facilities. Virtually every piece of equipment in the after mess decks' galley and bake shop was replaced. The new facility was designed to provide traditional Navy meals, and featured the latest food service equipment. Upon completion of the after complex, the forward galley and mess decks were transformed into a "fast food" preparation facility, and named "Golden Anchor Inn". Laundry and dry cleaning facilities were also completely remodeled as KENNEDY had been selected to participate in the Naval Ship's Research and Development Facility's Ship-board Water Conservation Program which evaluated new laundry chemicals designed to reduce laundry water consumption by fifty percent.

Honors were paid to KENNEDY in March by COMNAVAIRLANT for being the best all around ship within their command, and was entered as a nominee for the Battenberg Cup Award. CINCLANTFLT stated, "All of the units nominated demonstrated superb operational proficiency, readiness, leadership, morale, and pride in the Navy, their ship, and their community. Each can take great pride in a job well done."

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USS JOHN F. KENNEDY began April high and dry at NNSY. Adjusting to the normal shipyard routine, work onboard was progressing smoothly until 9 April when KENNEDY was subjected to a series of fires set by an unknown arsonist. Responding with the valor and tradition of this great ship, KENNEDY sailors kept the damage to a minimum during their six hour battle under General Quarters conditions. The fires, affecting a total of thirty eight compartments, afflicted several KENNEDY crewmen with minor injuries and killed one civilian NNSY employee, William Lane Seward. After securing from GQ, the ship slowly wound down into her daily routine.

Because of the COH work, honors aboard KENNEDY ran at a minimum. However, on 6 April, with the help of the Churchland High School Band, full honors were held for VADM Kinnear, as he arrived to present the Golden and Silver Anchor Awards, along with individual awards for the crew. The gala splendor of such a fine ceremony served to remind us all of our military heritage and the strength of this fine ship - her people. Boat gongs were rung on the 10th, to announce the arrival of RADM W. B. Warwick, Commander Carrier Group FOUR. The final guest for the month was RADM W. E. Ramsey, who arrived to boat gongs for an official visit with Captain Myers.

In the latter part of spring, the similarity between a bee hive and KENNEDY was evident as thousands of workers swarmed throughout the ship. A welcome lull was reached on 10 May with the crew celebration of JFK's Spring Fever picnic and Sports Day at Scott Center. Activities were highlighted by a picnic, cookout, and a four mile run. Never at a loss for innovative ideas, KENNEDY men came up with a plan for converting aluminum cans into sporting equipment. Proceeds gained from recycling soda cans throughout the COH were turned into KENNEDY's Welfare and Rec fund for the crew's use. Barracks M22, home for many of the crew during overhaul, was also remodeled by ship's company volunteers. Indicative of KENNEDY's never ending list of accomplishments, awards bestowed included: AIMD's reception of the CNO Safety Award for 12 accident free years of operating the ship's C-1A, and acceptance of the second consecutive Villard C. Sledge Memorial Maintenance Award for Excellence in TF-30 jet engine repair during FY 78; Combined Federal Campaign's Award of Merit for contributions totalling over \$80,000, which was more donated than any other Atlantic Fleet ship and 45 percent greater than the prescribed command goal; and the Flight Surgeon Award honoring the ship's Senior Medical Officer, LCDR (b) (6), as the Navy's Flight Surgeon of the Year.

Boat gongs rang throughout the month to announce the arrival of several distinguished guests. Arriving on 2 May was RADM W. B. Warwick, Commander Carrier Group FOUR. On 11 May, RADM Dunn, Commander Carrier Group EIGHT, visited KENNEDY to brief the Senior Officer Material Readiness Course students, headed by CAPT R. P. Lenahan. CAPT A. Kurzenhauser, Commander Norfolk Naval Shipyard, visited on 26 May. Holiday colors were unfurled twice, in observance of National Maritime Day and Memorial Day.

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Engineering Department installed an eighth air conditioning unit onboard in June to aid the crew's COH effort during warm weather. Extensive work was conducted on all Engineering main machinery spaces. At the same time, both rudders were unshipped and three aircraft elevators were recabled. Work also commenced on resurfacing the flight and hangar deck non-skid. Time lost, being the critical factor of any overhaul, was reduced by the conscientious attention of all hands. Medical Department aided in this by choosing to remain onboard to provide health care for the crew instead of transferring their responsibility to the NNSY Clinic. Time lost was also reduced by Supply Department's installation of a fast food hot dog grill, which shortened the chow lines considerably.

Not all was hard work during the month of June as KENNEDY men and their families were lured by bargain prices to Busch Garden's Old Country for a weekend of fun. Besides frolicking at Williamsburg, KENNEDY dependents were given the opportunity to view the ship from another angle - from the bottom up, while solidly enthroned upon its keel blocks. Generosity, as always, was the rule of the month as KENNEDY sailors reached deeply into their pockets to help their fellow Sailors and Marines via the Navy Relief Fund Drive and Raffle. Donations were well over \$6,000, and reenforced the fact that "KENNEDY Cares."

June 5 began with the crew combating their Number 1 enemy - multiple fires, deliberately set. After fighting for approximately two hours under General Quarters conditions, KENNEDY's fire parties emerged victorious, and with no reported injuries. Security shipwide was doubled to prevent another occurrence of this nature as the remainder of the crew reverted to their COH assignments.

Holiday colors were displayed on Flag Day, and honors were sounded to hail the arrival of RADM W. B. Warwick, Commander Carrier Group FOUR on 11 June, and RADM T. M. Hopkins, Assistant Chief of Staff for Material and Logistic Plans, Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet on 29 June.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY began July still high and dry, however, preparations were in high gear to put the "Silver Lady" afloat again on 14 July. After a successful flood on the 12th, with minimum leaks, the ship spent her last two nights on the blocks. At 0815 on the 14th, valves were turned and the mighty warrior, KENNEDY, was returned to its natural habitat. The ship was then delicately moved from the drydock to Pier 5, for the rest of the yard period. The Bos'n Detail completed their side work between the catwalks and waterline, and in so doing they utilized: 600 tons of sandblast grit, 100 gallons of 1st primer, 1500 gallons of 2nd primer, and 750 gallons of final coat haze gray. Additionally, both anchors and 360 fathoms of anchor chain were also blasted, primed, and painted.

Another first for JFK was the reception onboard of a Physician's Assistant (PA), CWO (b) (6). His presence initiated a pilot program to evaluate the benefit of placing PA's at sea to augment CV medical staffs. KENNEDY's Medical Department also hosted 100 newly commissioned

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Medical and Dental officers for a one-day general orientation visit, who were addressed on 12 July by CAPT Myers. Changes occurred once again in the hallowed post of Master Chief Petty Officer of the Command as ACCM (b) (6) relieved SMCM (b) (6).

The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, R. Walker, was among the July notables to visit KENNEDY. Other VIP's included: RADM R. F. Dunn, Commander Carrier Group EIGHT, on three and four July; RADM J. K. Nunneley, Deputy Commander, Industrial and Facility Management Directorate, Naval Sea Systems Command and RADM W. B. Warwick, Commander Carrier Group FOUR, on 24 July; RADM's J. Metcalf, III and (b) (6) of the Senior Officers Ship Material Readiness Course on 27 July.

Nearing the halfway mark, August was spent placing the pieces of the gigantic jigsaw puzzle, KENNEDY, into place for a December rendezvous with the briny blue. Leading the way, Engineering's first Light-Off Exam (LOE) in #3 MMR was extremely successful. The CINCLANT PEB stated that never before had a CV done so well. Also, RADM W. B. Warwick, Commander Carrier Group FOUR, stated: "Results of the light off examination for Number Three Main Machinery space reflects fewer material deficiencies for a CV LOE in recent history of PEB and stands as an outstanding ship ... achievement. Well done." AIMD transitioned to a new department head as CDR (b) (6) was relieved by CDR (b) (6). The highlight of the month, however, was the announcement that KENNEDY had been given the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Demonstrating again that "KENNEDY Cares", a laundry trailer, loaded with twenty-four new washers and dryers, was located on the Hangar Bay for the crew's benefit. In addition, on Wednesday, 8 August, KENNEDY held its Summer Madness Picnic. The gathering, which took place at the Scott Center picnic area, turned out to be a huge success. KENNEDY men joined in sharing one of the most colorful days of the year as they participated in various activities such as tennis, softball, volleyball, horseshoes, and a two-mile run. CAPT Myers presented trophies or jackets to the winning individual or team of each event, noting that all participants were actually the winners for joining in.

Boat gongs, greeting distinguished guests, sounded throughout the month. Arriving on 3 August was CDR Triplett, Commanding Officer, USS MANITOWOC (LST 1180). On 6 August, CAPT Roberson, Senior Member CINCLANT PEB Team, arrived with his crew to conduct the LOE. CAPT Maulden, Commanding Officer, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69), also arrived later that same day.

As summer slipped by, the pace onboard KENNEDY increased as equipment installed during the COH was readied for operational use in December. The ship's observance of Labor Day signified to many that sea trials were only three short months away. The Engineering Department repeated the success in August with the completion of LOE on #2 MMR, conducted 20 September.

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Career Counseling was also successful. Thirty-three KENNEDY men volunteered for a historic ship-sponsored career incentive program -- a two-day, all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to talk with various detailers. The program was termed "excellent" by the returning men, and the Navy gained six immediate reenlistments.

VIP visits during September included: CAPT W. R. Zipperer, Commanding Officer, USS SAN DIEGO (AFS 6) on 13 Sep, and a monthly visit by RADM W. B. Warwick, Commander Carrier Group FOUR on 21 September.

Throughout October USS JOHN F. KENNEDY remained moored starboard side, Pier #5, NNSY. However, this sophisticated machine was in the spring of her COH as she prepared herself to become once again the prettiest lady in the fleet. Eager for salt air, the crew increased their efforts to be ready for Post Repair Trials (PRT #1) in December. The month also saw the highly successful completion of the two remaining LOE's on #1 and #4 MMR's. The CINCLANT PEB board noted that KENNEDY's total LOE had the fewest number of material discrepancies in the Board's history, and included one inspection with zero discrepancies. With that accomplishment, it was becoming readily apparent that the spark of life was growing stronger in KENNEDY with each passing day.

Reflecting KENNEDY's high COH success rate, the fourth quarter FY 79 Performance Rating Report forwarded to Commander, Carrier Group FOUR stated, "In addition to the heavy emphasis and commitment placed on recruiting and retention, the planning, monitoring, and effort expended ... will ensure that KENNEDY will be better prepared and more operationally ready to perform than previous CV's at the end of a COH. During overhaul, KENNEDY has maintained higher morale and retention and lower percentages of unauthorized absences and disciplinary cases than any other AIRLANT CV. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY continues to perform with a driving determination and desire to remain Number One in the Fleet"... To aid in KENNEDY's personnel programs, Training Department instituted a 5-day Management Skills Course. The course was designed to develop management expertise and to broaden the communications skills of our middle managers (E-5 - O-4). Programs such as this helped to increase working relationships among crewmembers, resulting in a more cohesive force.

Thursday, 4 October, was a banner day onboard as VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, COMNAVAIRLANT, presented KENNEDY with the Bronze Hammer Award. The CNO Citation stated "... in recognition of having made major improvements to personal support facilities with minimal expenditures through the resourceful utilization of self-help. Utilizing over 31,000 man-days, personnel of USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) successfully completed numerous projects which greatly improved shipboard habitability. Significant among these projects was the rehabilitation work accomplished in the S-2M berthing area. The quality and appearance of the end product were exceptional and this effort, executed within the spirit and guidelines of the Self-Help Habitability Program is highly commended."

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Boat gongs extended a gracious KENNEDY welcome to the following notable guests: RADM J. O. Tuttle, Assistant Vice Director Plans and Policies, Defense Intelligence Agency, on 1 Oct; CAPT Robertson, Senior Member CINCLANT PEB Team, was properly hailed on 1, 12, and 29 Oct; on his monthly visit, RADM W. B. Warwick arrived the 16th; final guest for the month was CAPT R. J. Kennigan, Commanding Officer, USS PUGET SOUND (AD 38). The KENNEDY was Full Dressed on the 13th as a salute to our Navy's Birthday, and on the 27th in observance of Navy Day.

The month of November found USS JOHN F. KENNEDY with a festive mood in the air as all hands celebrated their last month pierside while anxiously preparing to get underway during the second week in December. The arrival of the USS AMERICA (CV 66) on Wednesday the seventh, represented a symbolic passing of the guard as AMERICA began her COH period. A luncheon with CAPT L. Myers attended by CAPT R. S. Leeds, Commanding Officer, USS AMERICA, and the lovely Miss Virginia 1979, Darlene McIntosh, bore witness to the fact that USS JOHN F. KENNEDY had once again resumed her place as the finest fighting ship of the U. S. Navy.

Activities during November ranged from JFK's Fall Festival extravaganza to a visit by All Hands Magazine. Commencing on 7 November, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY hosted the crew from the USS AMERICA at a cookout. Sports events included a three mile run, followed by baseball, football, and horseshoes. The end of November, John F. Coleman, Editor of All Hands Magazine, arrived onboard KENNEDY for a three day visit. Interviews with the crew and photographs were collected for the "All Hands" feature story of the greatest CV in U. S. history.

Awards received in November were numerous and prestigious. Proving once again that KENNEDY was indeed a winner, the CNO announced that KENNEDY was the one ship in the Atlantic Fleet to be honored as standing first in the spirit of the Marjorie Sterrett Battleship Fund Award. This award is a manifestation of the faith that American people have in our country, our way of life, and of the trust placed in the Navy to safeguard those ideals. In his congratulatory message, RADM W. B. Warwick, Commander Carrier Group FOUR, stated, "In meeting the challenge of a heavy operational schedule followed by the stress of the current complex overhaul, the officers and men of USS JOHN F. KENNEDY have set standards of achievement for others to emulate." The Silver Anchor Award was won for the second consecutive year, and guaranteed KENNEDY's nomination as a contender for the Golden Anchor competition. The Silver Anchor was awarded by the Atlantic Fleet in recognition of sustained retention excellence and productivity during FY 79 by USS JOHN F. KENNEDY. Stroking ever onward, KENNEDY's Engineering Department captured their fourth consecutive Red "E" for the competitive cycle 1 Oct 78 - 30 Sep 79, the majority of which was during COH. Concerning the most coveted Battle "E", VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, COMNAVAIRLANT, stated, "The USS JOHN F. KENNEDY, winner of five of the last seven awards, deserves special recognition for a very close second place. Although the JFK could have been exempted due to her overhaul period, she was well prepared, had done it all before entering the yard, and requested to compete." Rounding off this month of multiple awards, KENNEDY was also rewarded by COMNAVAIRLANT for excellence in food service by being nominated as one of two LANTFLT CV's to participate in the Annual Ney Award competition.

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On Tuesday the thirteenth, RADM E. Barrineau, presently serving as Deputy Commander for Aircraft Carriers, Amphibious, and Auxiliary Ships at the Naval Sea Systems Command, visited JOHN F. KENNEDY and was most impressed with how well the ship was maintained throughout her overhaul period.

December was a banner month for JOHN F. KENNEDY. On 5 Dec, Fast Cruise was conducted, main engines were spun, and dockside trials were held with all phases completed satisfactorily. The ship then took aboard more fuel, and on 11 Dec word was passed over the LMC: "Now the ship is underway!" The anchor of confinement that had maintained a stronghold on KENNEDY since the day she pulled into the yards was finally broken. The lady headed majestically down the Elizabeth River on her way to sea for four days of Post Repair Trials (PRT). Outstanding achievements during the PRT included eight boiler flex tests, ahead and astern steering test, five distilling plant tests, and a virtually flawless full power run, which was used for a competitive exercise grade. Upon completion of the PRT, KENNEDY returned to NNSY, and entered into a Christmas standdown period on 14 Dec. A NNSY message to KENNEDY concerning the PRT stated, "With the completion of Post Repair Propulsion Trials on 14 December, KENNEDY has established an enviable record of successful events not duplicated in recent memory. ... The JOHN F. KENNEDY crew and NNSY have worked together as a team to achieve this major milestone two months before end of overhaul. Bravo Zulu, to your officers and men."

Turning to Christmas events, fathers from all facets of KENNEDY joined Captain Myers in welcoming over 500 of our dependent children to the Noel festivities, conducted in the ballroom of the Trade Winds' EM Club at NOB. KENNEDY men not only received during the Yuletide season, but also gave generously. On 18 Dec, representatives from the ship flew to Northampton, Mass., to visit the Clarke School for the Deaf. A gift of \$500.00, plus several JFK ashtrays, was donated to the school from the KENNEDY's Officers Wives Club. Not stopping here with traditional KENNEDY kindness, the men unselfishly donated their time and talents to provide a Christmas party for dependents of the Mediterranean deployed USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) on 8 Dec, and a Christmas dinner for the Senior Citizens of Portsmouth on 21 Dec.

Looking back over the past year, training given to the crew stood alongside COH milestones. Highlights of several educational achievements were: completion of 7000 off-ship courses of instruction; LMET program graduated 373; a newly implemented Management Skills Program graduated 71 since 1 Oct; 527 newly advanced E-4's attended the Leadership and Management Seminar; 1200 newly reported personnel, E-1 through E-9, attended the Indoctrination Program; Command-wide PMS performance remained at a high of 68% fully qualified despite a strenuous industrial work load; and 20 highly qualified Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialists were designated. Also during the past year, Engineering Department completed over 50 million dollars worth of shipyard work, and over 35,000 man-days of Ship's Force overhaul work. A message received by KENNEDY on 29 Dec

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noted a personal commendation of KENNEDY and the Shipyard in cooperation together for the successful near completion of the finest CV overhaul ever performed.

Thus, after just about completing the demanding task of bringing the ship through her second COH, the work involved in once again becoming a first rate combat ready unit was to just begin. However, KENNEDY's long list of prestigious operational awards over the past year, giving her more awards than any active duty aircraft carrier in Naval history, clearly indicated her unlimited competitive prowess whether in the yards or underway.

Indeed, the legend continues to grow.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY LOG ENTRY

1 January 1979: 0001A - Have assumed the watch this midnight clear
(I ask, "Is this the way to start a New Year?"
"Proceed," replies the salty muse with cheer;
And remember that Navy gray is ever dear!")
Anchored in the Golfo Di Napoli
Is the Fleet's finest, The JOHN F. KENNEDY;
With thirty fathoms of water beneath her keel,
In mud bottom rests her anchor of golden steel,
And lest the folly of neptune she might be played,
Nine shots of chain to the bow anchor has been payed.
"Plot watch, what are the anchorage bearings," I interrogate,
"And whether to assigned position do they correlate?"
His reply is succinct, "Castel Dell Ovo, two niner four,
Galleria Municipio, three zero degrees more,
And the red flashing light at the breakwater bears two eight
three,
Which means only one thing to me - this is the place we
should be!"
White anchor lights fore and aft illuminate the hull stark,
While on the mast the red aircraft warning lights pierce
the dark;
Watch Condition Four is manned, poised in readiness to the
fifth general degree,
With Material Condition Yoke set, prepared for emergency
sortie;
Below boilers Two Alpha and Three Bravo are on the line
Providing sufficient water for your shower and mine,
As Two Alpha and Bravo and Three Alpha and Bravo generators
spray
Forth electrons to load centers, computers, radars and WJFK.
In the inner harbor, moored and anchored are USS SPRUANCE,
JOHN KING, BIDDLE, SIERRA, and MCCLOY in quiet vigilance.
SOPA, embarked on KENNEDY, is CTF SIX ZERO, and like his
host
Is renowned throughout the Med as the best for he both
gives and demands the most.
But what of KENNEDY's crew, the crew who in seventy-eight
Performed as Superman and redefined the meaning of great?
Ever true to their motto "Date Nolite Rogare," they yawn
And wait for the seas to calm, the winds to subside, and
the coming of dawn;
For they are confident the sun will shine
All through the year of Nineteen Seventy-Nine!

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